

# Make Your Vote Count!

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

O'Connor Woods – West Hall

Mid-term elections don't usually attract as much attention as those in a Presidential election year. However, in California we will be choosing a new governor as well as deciding on senatorial, congressional, state legislative, and local elections this year. We also have numerous bond measures and other ballot propositions generated by the legislature or public interest groups. Often, the wording of these propositions makes it difficult to decipher exactly what we're voting for or against.

For many years, the League of Women Voters has worked diligently to analyze the various ballot initiatives and, in effect, "translate" them so that voters can be sure to have an informed understanding of public policy issues.

October's AAUW branch meeting will feature members of the League of Women Voters, who will explain the eleven ballot measures we will be deciding on in November. There will also be a question/answer opportunity.

We will be meeting in West Hall at O'Connor Woods on October 13th at 9:30 a.m. There will be a continental breakfast served, followed by our business meeting and the discussion of ballot measures. Hope to see you there!

## Schedule:

- 9:30 Registration, Coffee, Tea, and Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 Business Meeting ,  
Tech Trek Campers
- 10:30 League of Women Voters Presents  
Ballot Issues Analyses
- 12:00 Adjourn

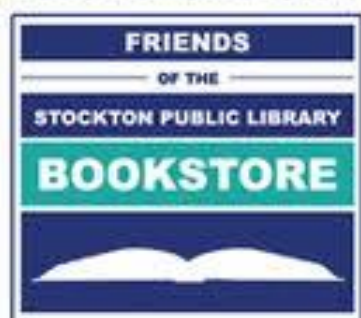
**Menu:** Fresh Fruit Display, Assorted Breakfast Pastries (Danishes, Muffins, Scones, Mini-Croissants), Assorted Yogurt Cups, Coffee, Tea, and Juices.

**Cost:** \$12 (includes guests)  
Meeting only \$5

**Reservation Deadline:** Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Checks Payable to AAUW**

**Reservations:** Call Joan Erreca,  
Reservations Chair 478-1457  
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# President's Message



It is my honor to introduce myself to you as your co-president. You can call me Van Ha (Van rhymes with fun even though it's spelled with an "a"). Donna Hammel and I are still working full-time so we are glad to have each other to share the responsibilities. However, we will also rely on many wonderful members who have diligently stepped up to chair committees. Their dedication to AAUW's mission has been so formidable that we as a chapter have made some great marks in the community. We thank them and Ronda Sanders for their strong leadership.

Because many of our AAUW members are also members of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG), Tau Chapter, Ronda Sanders and Gayle Watkins have worked diligently on the calendar to reduce conflicting meeting dates as much as they can. I believe those members who hold dual membership will appreciate their effort.

The general election is coming up in November. As you all know, it is imperative that we are alert and informed when we vote. Too many issues are at stake! We are pleased to have the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin at our October meeting to share with us their recommendations.

The Home Tour is approaching quickly! Please pass on the word to friends and neighbors, and every member is strongly encouraged to buy or sell a minimum of two tickets. Also, if you know anyone who has a uniquely beautiful home and is willing to share their home for this cause, please let us know as it is getting harder each year to find willing homeowners. We want to keep this long-held fundraiser going.

I suggested to the Board to add one intergenerational event in the spring for our members. We are thinking of a literacy event in April. We would like to have fun activities for members' children and grandchildren. Please let me know if you would like to donate your time and talent to run an activity. I am looking for readers, authors, illustrators, face painters, artists, puppeteers, etc.

I look forward to seeing you all at the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at O'Connor Woods, West Hall.

Van Ha To-Cowell,  
Co-President



**2018-2019**

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## Wanted!

**Friendly, alert person,  
filled with commitment,  
who will donate two hours**  
**>to work special jobs at the Hub or**  
**>to greet guests at a venue or**  
**>to inform guests about features of a home**  
**on Home Tour #67!**

**What?** The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW Home Tour Volunteer Opportunity

**When?** Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and take a two hour shift: 10-12, 12-2, 2-4. (Be a hero and work the 12-2 shift!)

**Where?** You'll be placed at a venue where you're comfortable and where you're needed most. To that end, indicate any limitations such as "can't do stairs", "need to sit", etc.

**How?** In October, volunteer by...  
 ...Signing up at the second branch meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

...Agreeing to work when phoned.  
 ...Phoning/texting Cindy Milford at (209) 481-2227 to tell the shift and type of job you'd prefer.

**Why?** You'll be ensuring the success of our Home Tour, Stockton Branch's major source of funds that support community outreach programs locally and fuel post-grad grants and fellowships nationally.



The STEM girls attended the Expanding Your Horizons conference on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event is always a valuable and fun opportunity to spend the day learning about science and participating in hands-on activities. We are so fortunate that it takes place right here at the University of the Pacific which makes it accessible to our program.

Our next adventure will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup> when our group will take a course in self-defense at the New School Aikido where our instructor will teach us to defend ourselves in the event of an attack. We want our girls to be confident in all situations and this definitely reinforces that goal!







*Past President Ronda Sanders holds a teapot filled with white hydrangeas and a perky yellow canary, one of several such arrangements she placed on tables at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> "Tea-Meeting" during which she shared the early history of our 90 year-old branch.*

## Everyone's Buzzin'!

"Bzzz...Did you know that Stockton Branch contributed \$2,647 to AAUW Fund in 2017? The Fund pioneers research on girls and education and over the years has awarded millions of dollars in grants and fellowships for women pursuing post-graduate studies around the globe. For every \$750 our branch contributes each year, we are able to nominate a branch member for exceptional service to the colony, and this honor is called the Named Gift Award."

"Bzzz... Beeeeautiful idea! So who got this honey of an honor last year?"

"Bzzz... We chose three bees for the award, but one was out of town during our June 9 meeting so all three were recognized again at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting!"

"Bzzz...Those worker bees must have really deserved it! They had to contribute greatly to the well-beeeeing of the entire AAUW colony!"

"Bzzz...Indeed they did! Here's a picture of the honorees, er...honorbees, also called **Wonder Bees**: Joan Erreca, Sandy Mazzuola, and Marilyn Platt."

"Bzzz...So they're the Wonder Bees! I know them all. They've been quietly diligent, performing some of their tasks out of sight but doing other jobs right in front of us, especially at monthly meetings where they've been known to do the "Wonder Bee Wiggle Dance" so we'll follow them to nectar—AKA a great meeting."

"Bzzz...So true. Consider their accomplishments:

>**Joan**, super-organized and attentive to detail, has greeted us at monthly meetings as Reservations Chair for the last four years. Since 2014, she's used her creativity and photography skills as Branch Historian to compile beautiful scrapbooks of branch activities! And she has agreed to continue in both these roles! She's even found time to help distribute RIF books!

>**Sandy** has sweetened up branch meetings for the last two years as Program VP where she has used her organizational skills and work ethic to produce, with her Co-VP, informative, mission-based programs. She's continues to shoulder (as much as bees can) that job! She also fearlessly agreed to be on a recent Trivia Bee Team—and she didn't 'wing it' but prepared. The team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

>**Marilyn**, long time colony member, has been a past coordinator of both RIF and our former fund-raiser, the twice-yearly Book Sale. A ready volunteer, she has been a Reservations Page-Phoner for the last four years. For the last two years, she has created as Co-Program VP interesting or entertaining or thought-provoking monthly programs.

"Bzzz...And they've all been head hosts (Sandy three years in a row!) and/or shift hosts for the home tour over the years. These Wonder Bees effectively perform their duties while remaining congenial and friendly with other bees. Without them, our colony would not thrive!"

"Bzzz...They're also very polite and have sent the branch a thank you note:

Marilyn Platt, Sandy Mazzuola, and I would like to thank everyone in our branch for honoring us as the Named Gift Award Recipients for 2017-18. We are extremely proud of our branch and happy to support the AAUW Mission Statement. Thank you again for this special recognition. Joan Erreca





**Parking:** Free. Use the lot across from Spanos Center.

**RSVP:** Contact—Same as October.

**Deadline:** Thurs., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Your tickets will be at Will Call so a list of attendees is needed. See Nov. Steamer for details.



> This school year, AAUW Title IX Cheerleaders will be attending sporting events at AAUW-Stockton's two institutional partners, San Joaquin Delta College and University of the Pacific. As we attend each local athletic event, we'll be supporting female athletes while raising AAUW's profile in the community.

> Members of our Branch's 40-person cheerleading squad will wear their bright blue T-shirts proclaiming "AAUW Supports Title IX!" **To borrow a loaner shirt sizes M or XL, contact me ahead of time. (See RSVP.)** You do not need to have an official shirt to add your voice to the cheers, however. Simply wear a **sky-blue shirt or sweater** to the game, if possible.

> You will receive an e-mailed reminder a few days prior to the event with a list of attendees up to that point.

**See you at the games!**



## *Title IX Cheerleaders*

### *FALL GAMES OF THE MONTH*

### *College Women's Volleyball!*

#### **OCTOBER**

**Who:** S.J. Delta Mustangs vs. Sacramento City College Panthers

**When:** Wed., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm (Still light!)

**Where:** Delta's Marcopulos Gym

**Cost:** \$3 for all ages—Buy upon entering the gym.

**Parking:** Free. Lots close to the gym are Shima #1 or Athletics #1.

**RSVP:** Contact Cindy Milford at [askwhynotnow@gmail.com](mailto:askwhynotnow@gmail.com) or call or text me at (209) 481-2227 (C)

**Deadline:** Mon., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, so I can send you a list of attendees for potential ride-sharing. I'll also send directions to the closest parking lot.

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Who:** UOP Lady Tigers vs. Brigham Young University Cougars

**When:** Sat., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon (Midday!)

**Where:** UOP's Spanos Center

**Cost:** \$8-adults, \$6-seniors 62+ OR we can get 10 tickets for \$40 (\$4 apiece for all ages). If interested, contact me so I can determine whether group tickets are a sensible choice.

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**Mission:** **AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**  
**Value Promise:** By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

## October Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location/Contact
		Online Anytime	Submission of Articles/Pictures for <a href="http://stockton-ca.aauw.net">stockton-ca.aauw.net</a> Web Page	<a href="mailto:ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net">ronsan3628@sbcglobal.net</a>
Sun	7	All-Day	Reservation Deadline	Joan Erreca – 478-1457
Mon	8	6:00pm	Board Meeting	Home of Van Ha To-Cowell 3872 Brook Valley Circle
Sat	13	9:30am	Program – Make Your Vote Count!	O'Connor Woods – West Hall
Wed	17	6:30pm	Game of the Month – Delta College Volleyball	Marcopulos Gym – Delta College